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SOURCE Svenska Dagbladet.LAUNCH NEW CAMPAIGN AGAINST HUNGARIAN CHURCHES

DIRECT NEW PENAL LAW AGAINST RELIGIOUS ORDERS -- Svenska Dagbladet, No 155, 12 Jun 50

Josef Revai, Hungarian Politburo member and Minister of Education, has been appointed assistant general secretary of the Hungarian Communist Party, that is, Rakosi's immediate subordinate. His first speech before the Central Committee of the Hungarian Communist Party in Budapest was the signal for a new wave of terror against the church. Revai said that it is altogether impossible that 11,000 Catholic priests and monks should live in Hungary without working.

The new Hungarian penal law announced last month, in Paragraph 45 empowers the government to prohibit a person from living in his home town unless he has a definite occupation. If such is not the case, that person must serve at forced labor at a determined place. This is intended to provide the government with as large a labor force as possible for the Five-Year Plan. It is expected that the Communists will not hesitate to enforce this law against the monks. The same legislation is already being used against Jews, previously employed in commerce, but who have lost their jobs through nationalization. Revai, himself a Jew, said in his speech (later published in all Hungarian newspapers) that it was unthinkable that the government would permit several thousand Jews, capable of working, to emigrate to Palestine.

The National Hungarian Youth Association has tried in every way to disrupt the processions arranged by the Catholic Church in Hungary in celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi. Motorcycle patrols rode at top speed back and forth through the lines of participants, and large crowds of youths tried to bar the path of the procession. In the same way, Hungarian authorities have tried to curb public attendance at church services by staging free shows at all the motion-picture theaters in Budapest and free appearances of popular actors in the parks, by public dancing contests, sports festivals, etc., at the same time that high mass was being celebrated in the churches.

ORDER FRENCH ATTACHE TO LEAVE BUDAPEST -- Svenska Dagbladet, No 150, 7 Jun 50

The French military attache in Budapest, Major Lannurien, has been declared persona non grata by the Hungarian government, and has been ordered to leave the country within 24 hours.

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